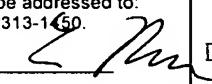




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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/789,318

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ENDS OFFSET DOWNWARDLY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the claims were directed to three patentably distinct species:

Species I, drawn to a microelectronic assembly comprising a dielectric layer having a first side, wherein the first side defines a boundary of the assembly such that the entire first side is unobstructed, and read on by claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-26, 28-33 and 38-45.

Species II, drawn to a microelectronic component comprising a dielectric layer comprised of a continuous sheet having a first side wherein the first side of the continuous sheet is clear of other elements, and read on by claims 47-54 and 56-59.

Species III, drawn to a stackable microelectronic component comprising a dielectric layer having a first side, and first terminal structures carried by the offset portion of the dielectric layer for connecting the semiconductor chip with external circuitry being above the first surface of the dielectric layer at the offset portion, and read on by claim 60.

The Examiner required, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, election of one of the above species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention of species I, corresponding to claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-26, 28-33 and 38-45. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with claims readable on the non-elected species.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: April 18, 2008

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